

**REMARKS**

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated January 9, 2008 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

By this response, claim 1 is hereby amended. No new matter is added. Accordingly, claims 1-16 and 19-20 are currently pending. Reexamination and reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, Claims 1-16 and 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,724,110 to Majima (hereinafter "Majima").

The applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of claims 1-16 and 19-20 and reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 1-16 and 19-20 are allowable in that each of the claims recite a combination of elements, including, for example, "wherein the forming the UV sealant and the dropping the liquid crystal are separated" and "wherein the masking regions are points where the UV sealant of a line type and at least one scribing line are crossed and wherein the masking points in the UV sealant is not cured." Majima does not teach or suggest at least these features of the claimed invention.

In particular, in the claimed invention, the closed pattern of UV sealant and liquid crystal separately are formed without mixing the UV sealant and liquid crystal material. However, the cited reference discloses that a mixture 15 of photocurable resin and liquid crystal material are prepared by mixing and then the mixture 15 dropped at a central area of one of the base substrate 1 and 1', but does not disclose the above features of the present invention.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-16 and 19-20.

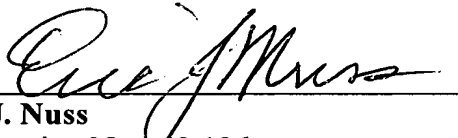
Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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